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SBA Celebrates National Veterans Small Business Week with 3 Free Events for Vets

National Veterans Small Business Week is observed from November 4 – 9th, 2019

Providence, RI –Each year the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) celebrates, connects, and empowers service members during National Veterans Small Business Week (NVSBW). 2019 marks the sixth annual NVSBW and, to better serve the veteran and military-owned small business community, the SBA is holding three free events.

“National Veterans Small Business Week gives the SBA an opportunity to honor and highlight the excellence amongst the veteran small business community,” said SBA District Director Mark S. Hayward. “Shining a light on the incredible people of our military, and their inspirational stories while ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed is an essential part in the SBA mission of ‘serving those who served us’,” he added.

The theme of this year NVSBW is Mission #VetBiz Success, where the SBA will highlight the tools and resources used to help veterans on their journey to small business success. Whether just getting starting, or expanding to new locations, the SBA can support in every aspect of small business success. Join the SBA, its resources partners, and other organizations as we celebrate the veteran and military-owned business community with the following events:

1. Veteran Business Ownership: Paths to Success

When: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Where: Providence VA Medical Center, 5th Floor, Classroom 2, 830 Chalkstone Ave, Providence RI 02908

A three part workshop will begin with a panel discussion with local award-winning veteran-owned small businesses who will share their experiences, tips, and insights into small business ownership. This will be followed by an information session with the RI PTAC about working with the VA and getting VA verified. The event will conclude with a session about one of the most popular forms of business ownership for veterans, franchising.

2. Dimeo Construction Salutes Veteran-Owned Businesses

When: Thursday, November 7, 2019 - 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM EST

Where: 315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101, Providence RI 02908

A session where veteran-owned small businesses will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from Dimeo Construction to learn the process and expectation of veteran-owned business that are interested in working with/subcontracting with Dimeo.

With the new Rhode Island Veteran Business Enterprise certification, it is imperative that veteran-owned small businesses understand the process for certification and how their work will be rated by Prime contractors and contracting officers.

3. Interviewing and Hiring Best Practices for Veteran-Owned Businesses

When: Friday, November 8, 2019 - 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM EST

Where: 230 Old Tower Hill Rd, South Kingstown, RI 02879

This free workshop, presented by Dr. Gary J. Convertino, SHRM-CP/PHR, an experienced human resources executive and member of the local SCORE team, is an abridged “A to Z” to help small business owners navigate the process of hiring an employee.

For more information visit SBA.gov/NVSBW or to register for any of the above events contact Ryan Brissette at (401) 528-4630, Ryan.Brisette@SBA.gov.

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